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Attached for filing is the patent application of:

Inventor: ATKINS et al

Entitled: ENHANCED IDENTIFICATION SYSTEM

and including attachments as noted below:

- ☐ Newly executed Declaration, ☒ Copy of Declaration from prior application, ☒ Abstract
☐ Please **delete** the following inventors in the continuation/division/continuation-in-part application:

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- 21 pages of specification and claims (including 26 numbered claims), and
 9 sheets of accompanying drawing/s.

☐ Record the attached assignment and return to the undersigned.☐ Attached is a Power of Attorney.☒ Priority is hereby claimed under 35 U.S.C. § 119 based on the following foreign applications:

Application Number

Country

Day/Month/Year Filed

9709741.4

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14 May 1997

9724185.5

United Kingdom

14 November 1997

PCT/GB98/01385

14 May 1998

, respectively, the entire content of which is hereby incorporated by reference in this application..

☐ Certified copy(ies) of foreign application(s) is/are attached.☒ Certified copy(ies) filed on October 12, 1999 in prior appln. no. 09/415,234 filed October 12, 1999☒ This application is a ☒ continuation/☐ division/☐ continuation-in-part of Application No. 09/415,234, filed October 12, 1999, pending, the entire content of which is hereby incorporated by reference in this application.☐ Petition filed in prior application to extend its life to insure co-pendency.☒ The prior application is assigned to BTG International Limited, London, England.☒ It is hereby requested that the Examiner consider the art cited in the parent application by applicant and/or the Examiner for the reasons stated therein. A listing of that art is attached.☐ Please enter the attached and/or below preliminary amendment **prior** to calculation of filing fee:

- ☒ Also attached: ☐ Information Disclosure Statement; ☐ Non-Publication Request; ☐ Nucleotide and/or Amino Acid Sequence Submission; ☐ Statement deleting Inventor(s) named in prior application; ☒ Other: Preliminary Amendment

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